

In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1 1. [Currently amended] A method for creating a valid
2 chart of accounts from which an administrator of a local
3 enterprise can facilitate and enable a requisitioner to
4 select a valid general ledger account, comprising the steps
5 of:

6 establishing a communication link with an external
7 enterprise catalog system to build an appropriate chart of
8 accounts for a given company;

9 transmitting from said enterprise catalog system a
10 chart of accounts with descriptions to a requisition
11 catalog system database in a local enterprise specified
12 format;

13 administrator selecting from said requisition catalog
14 system database valid accounts with descriptions for a
15 given commodity and purchase period for said given
16 company, said description mapping account codes

17 selected by said administrator to a given commodity
18 code from an associated accounting system for use by a
19 requester to select the correct general ledger account
20 when doing financial validation on a requisition for
21 said commodities; and

22 administrator then associating a selected
23 account/description tuple with company commodity groups
24 for use in a requisition creation process.

1 2. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 requisitioner searching against commodities and
4 catalogs in commodity description documents and
5 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 3. [Original] The method of claim 2, further comprising
2 the steps of:

3 administrator creating a company commodity document
4 including for each commodity code under each company, a
5 commodity category code, a short description, a long
6 description, key words, approvers, financial

7 information, route-to buyer by plant association,
8 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable
9 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

10 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
11 process, which displays line items which may be
12 selected by said requisitioner; and

13 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with
14 fields which need to be selected or populated by
15 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,
16 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid
17 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to
18 said requisitioner.

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(4-13 are cancelled) (Page # 7, Acknowledged in Page # 8)
1 4. [Withdrawn] A method for validating zip code entries on
2 a requisition, comprising the steps of:

3 providing a database of valid zip codes;

4 responsive to entry of a zip code on a requisition or
5 to the changing of delivery information which includes
6 zip code on a requisition line item, validating the zip

7 code against said database.

1 5. [Withdrawn] The method of claim 4, said validating step
2 comprising determining that a new or changed zip code exists
3 as a valid zip code in said data base.

1 6. [Withdrawn] The method of claim 4, said validating step
2 comprising

3 determining that said new or changed zip code exists
4 matches a valid zip code in said data base and that it
5 is valid zip code per state, city and zip code; and

6 said providing step includes initializing said data
7 base with valid zip codes from a trusted source thereby
8 enabling validation of a zip code with respect to state
9 and city.

1 7. [Withdrawn] A requisition catalog system for a large
2 enterprise in a web environment, comprising:

3 application server means for insuring that all general
4 ledger accounts associated with commodities in a
5 relational database are correct; and

6 said application server means also for providing a
7 description mapping account codes to commodity codes
8 from an associated accounting system for use by a
9 requester to select the correct general ledger account
10 when doing financial validation on a requisition for
11 said commodities.

1 8. [Withdrawn] A method for validating a requisition in a
2 requisition catalog system for a large enterprise in a web
3 environment, comprising the steps of:

4 matching general ledger accounts associated with
5 commodities in a relational database; and

6 displaying to a user a mapping of account codes and
7 descriptions to commodity codes from said relational
8 database, thereby enabling said user to select a
9 correct general ledger account when validating said
10 requisition.

1 9. [Withdrawn] A method for managing a chart of accounts,
2 comprising the steps of:

3 displaying to an administrator an accounting system
4 generated chart of accounts, said chart including for
5 each account an account identifier and commodity
6 description;

7 responsive to administrator selection, pushing a
8 selected commodity description and account identifier
9 to a company commodity group document together with
10 information enabling a user to select a correct
11 commodity.

1 10. [Withdrawn] The method of claim 9, said information
2 including commodity description, approvers, general ledger
3 account, route-to buyer, and preferred supplier.

1 11. [Withdrawn] A program storage device readable by a
2 machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions

3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for managing
4 a chart of accounts, said method steps comprising:

5 displaying to an administrator an accounting system
6 generated chart of accounts, said chart including for
7 each account an account identifier and commodity
8 description;

9 responsive to administrator selection, pushing a
10 selected commodity description and account identifier
11 to a company commodity group document together with
12 information enabling a user to select a correct
13 commodity.

1 12. [Withdrawn] A program storage device readable by a
2 machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for
4 validating a requisition in a requisition catalog system for
5 a large enterprise in a web environment, said method steps
6 comprising:

7 matching general ledger accounts associated with
8 commodities in a relational database; and

9 displaying to a user a mapping of account codes and
10 descriptions to commodity codes from said relational
11 database, thereby enabling said user to select a
12 correct general ledger account when validating said
13 requisition.

1 13. [Withdrawn] A program storage device readable by a
2 machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for
4 validating zip code entries on a requisition, said method
5 steps comprising:

6 providing a database of valid zip codes;
7 responsive to entry of a zip code on a requisition or
8 to the changing of delivery information which includes
9 zip code on a requisition line item, validating the zip
10 code against said database.

1 14. [Currently amended] A program storage device readable
2 by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions
3 executable by a machine to perform method steps for creating
4 a valid chart of accounts from which an administrator can
5 facilitate and enable a requisitioner to select a valid

6 general ledger account, said method steps comprising:

7 establishing a communication link with an external
8 enterprise catalog system to build an appropriate chart of
9 accounts for a given company;

10 transmitting from said enterprise catalog system a
11 chart of accounts with descriptions to a requisition
12 catalog system database;

13 administrator selecting from said requisition catalog
14 system database valid accounts with descriptions for a
15 given commodity and purchase period, said description
16 mapping account codes selected by said administrator to
17 a given commodity code from an associated accounting
18 system for use by a requester to select the correct
19 general ledger account when doing financial validation
20 on a requisition for said commodities and

21 administrator then associating a selected
22 account/description tuple with company commodity groups
23 for use in a requisition creation process.

1 15. [Currently amended A computer program product or

2 computer program element for executing the steps comprising:

3 establishing a communication link with an external
4 enterprise catalog system to build an appropriate chart of
5 accounts for a given company;

6 transmitting from said enterprise catalog system a
7 chart of accounts with descriptions to a requisition
8 catalog system database;

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10 administrator selecting from said requisition catalog
11 system database valid accounts with descriptions for a
12 given commodity and purchase period, said description
13 mapping account codes selected by said administrator to
14 a given commodity code from an associated accounting
15 system for use by a requester to select the correct
16 general ledger account when doing financial validation
17 on a requisition for said commodities; and

18 administrator then associating a selected
19 account/description tuple with company commodity groups
20 for use in a requisition creation process.

1 16. [Previously presented] The program storage device of

2 claim 14, said method steps further comprising:

3 requisitioner searching against commodities and
4 catalogs in commodity description documents and
5 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 17. [Previously presented] The program storage device of
2 claim 15, said method steps further comprising:

3 administrator creating a company commodity document
4 including for each commodity code under each company, a
5 commodity category code, a short description, a long
6 description, key words, approvers, financial
7 information, route-to buyer by plant association,
8 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable
9 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

10 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
11 process, which displays line items which may be
12 selected by said requisitioner; and

13 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with
14 fields which need to be selected or populated by
15 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,

16 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid
17 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to
18 said requisitioner.

1 18. [Previously presented] The computer program product or
2 computer program element of claim 15, said steps further
3 comprising:

4 requisitioner searching against commodities and
5 catalogs in commodity description documents and
6 responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1 19. [Previously presented] The computer program product or
2 computer program element of claim 18, said steps further
3 comprising:

4 administrator creating a company commodity document
5 including for each commodity code under each company, a
6 commodity category code, a short description, a long
7 description, key words, approvers, financial
8 information, route-to buyer by plant association,
9 preferred supplier, special handling codes all usable
10 for enabling customer selection of a correct commodity;

11 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting
12 process, which displays line items which may be
13 selected by said requisitioner; and

14 displaying an agent created financial worksheet with
15 fields which need to be selected or populated by
16 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,
17 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid
18 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to
19 said requisitioner.

1 20. [Previously presented] The method of claim 3, further
2 comprising the steps of:

3 displaying to said administrator an accounting system
4 generated chart of accounts, said chart including for
5 each account an account identifier and commodity
6 description;

7 responsive to administrator selection, associating a
8 selected commodity description and account identifier
9 with a company commodity group document together with
10 information enabling said requisitioner to select a
11 correct commodity.

1 21. [Previously presented] The method of claim 20, said
2 information including commodity description, approvers,
3 general ledger account, route-to buyer, and preferred
4 supplier.

1 22. [Previously presented] The program storage device of
2 claim 14, said method further comprising the steps of:

3 displaying to said administrator an accounting system
4 generated chart of accounts, said chart including for
5 each account an account identifier and commodity
6 description;

7 responsive to administrator selection, associating a
8 selected commodity description and account identifier
9 with a company commodity group document together with
10 information enabling said requisitioner to select a
11 correct commodity.

1 23. [Previously presented] The program storage device of
2 claim 22, said information including commodity description,
3 approvers, general ledger account, route-to buyer, and
4 preferred supplier.